Michigan Department of Transportation Public Hearing Notice

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the I-75 (M-102-M-59) Oakland County Planning/Environmental Study

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is conducting a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the I-75 (M-102-M-59) Oakland County Planning/Environmental Study. This hearing is being held in accordance with federal and state public involvement/public hearings procedures.

The public hearing will be held at the Troy Marriott Hotel, 200 W. Big Beaver, Troy, a handicapped accessible facility. In order to allow easier participation for those in the study area, the public hearing will take place continuously from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, January 27, 2004.

The hearing will provide an opportunity for the public to comment for the record on two practical alternatives for widening I-75 from M-102 to M-59. Each alternative requires the addition of one through lane in each direction for either use by all vehicles, all the time, or by High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV)/carpools/vanpools in the peak hours only.

Brochures summarizing the DEIS and a review copy of the DEIS are available on the project website: www.mdot.state.mi.us/projects/I-75corridor/. Review copies of the document also are available at the following locations: Oakland County Community and Economic Development Department - County Service Center, 1200 North Telegraph Rd., Building 34 East, Pontiac; Auburn Hills Library, 3400 East Seyburn Dr., Auburn Hills; Bloomfield Township Library, 1000 Lone Pine Rd., Bloomfield Hills; Detroit Library, 5201 Woodward Avenue, Detroit; Ferndale Library, 300 East Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale; Hazel Park Library, 123 East Nine Mile Rd., Hazel Park; Madison Heights Library, 240 West 13 Mile Rd., Madison Heights; Royal Oak Library, 222 East Eleven Mile Rd., Royal Oak; Troy Library, 510 West Big Beaver Rd., Troy; Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Metro Region Office, 18101 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield; MDOT Transportation Service Center, 2300 Dixie Hwy, Waterford; and MDOT Bureau of Transportation Planning, 425 Ottawa St., Lansing.

The "open forum" style public hearing will allow the public to gather information on the project and express their concerns on a one-to-one basis. Participants may stop by anytime during the scheduled hours to view displays and talk with MDOT representatives regarding social, economic and environmental concerns, engineering and design, real estate, and other related issues.

A court reporter will be available for persons wishing to make a statement or comment about the project and have it included in the transcript of this public hearing. Citizens also can fill out a comment form and deposit it into the comment boxes at the public hearing site. Comments also can be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to: Robert H. Parsons, Public Hearings Officer, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Michigan Department of Transportation. P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, Michigan 48909; Fax: (517) 373-9255; or email: parsonsb@michigan.gov. Comments must be postmarked on or before March 12, 2004, to be included in the transcript of the hearing.

For more information on this public hearing or to request a copy of the DEIS, write to the above address or call (517) 373-9534. With an advance notice of seven days, MDOT can make most of the materials for this hearing available in alternative formats such as large print or audiotape, and can make accommodations for sign language interpretation and/or assisted listening devices. Please call 517-373-9534 to request accommodations.